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SOC appropriates money for spring semester

by
Michael Scott

A total of \$1,835.40 was appropriated at the SOC meeting Friday, Feb. 7. Representatives of student organizations attended the meeting to request funds for activities scheduled for or after the spring semester.

A complication arose as SOC officers confirmed that some of the organizations that had requested money had already done so in the fall 2002 semester.

The SOC constitution states that an organization's funding cannot exceed \$500 per academic year.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry had already received funds last semester and was only eligible for \$170 to go toward its missionary ski trip.

Some SOC representatives made suggestions to allow the club to exceed its limit simply because there would be left over funds at the end of the semester. If those funds are not used, the money will go into a Student Activities slush fund.

However, TKE representative, Ben Thomas pointed out that allowing one organization to spend more money than others was unfair.

"I understand that it would be

unfair to other organizations because we requested more than allowed," said Josh Grisham, BCM representative, "but if there's money left over, it's pointless for it to go to waste."

BCM was granted \$170. Another complication arose when the MBA Association requested \$500 in funding for a graduation party, but was denied because of their absence during the past two SOC meetings.

In order to receive funds, a group must be in good standing with SOC, meaning a club must attend an entire semester of SOC meetings in order to be eligible to ask for money.

Both Tau Kappa Epsilon and the Panhellenic Organization received \$500 to be put towards a national convention and a southeastern conference, respectively.

The International Club received \$459.40 for an International Festival in Lafayette on April 26. SHRM was granted \$136 for a leadership conference and Delta Sigma Theta was given \$70 to attend the Southwest National Conference.

The SOC now has \$6,001.69 left for the upcoming semester. However, between \$1,500 and \$2,000 is reserved for the SOC Awards banquet in the spring.

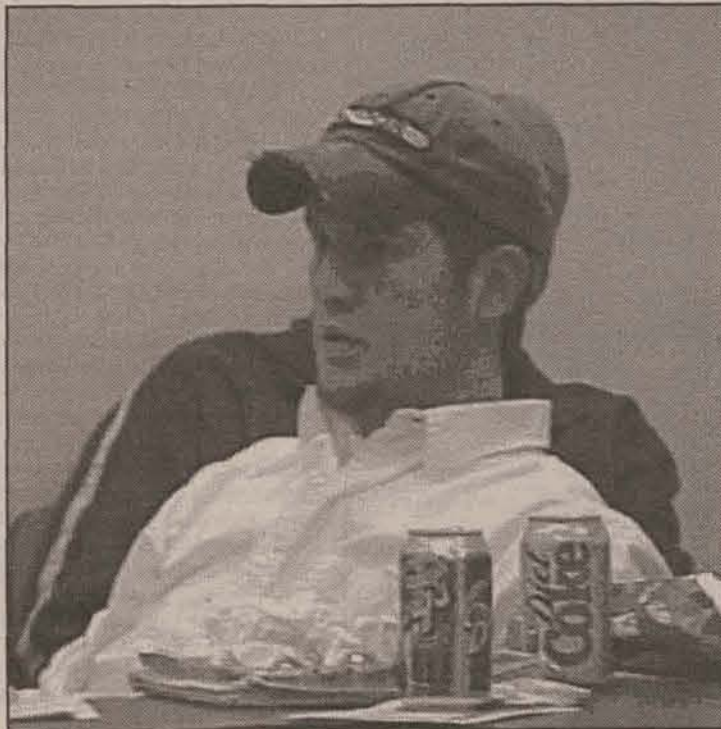


Photo by Michael Scott

Josh Grisham, junior business management administration major, represented the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Friday's Student Organization Council meeting.

VP called

SGA Vice President Ben Thomas has been called up by the National Guard, sources in SGA told the Almagest shortly before print time.

President Pro Tempore Tiffany Johnson will replace him as vice president until spring elections usher in a new executive.

No fliers in U.C.

by
Jennifer Knafla

The Office of Student Activities will enforce the "No fliers on the building" code in the University Center.

Kathleen Grimmet, assistant director of Student Activities, announced at Friday's SOC meeting that the code would be enforced with OSA student workers and U.C. building managers helping to remove the fliers.

Grimmet said organizations that have fliers removed from the U.C. walls will be contacted by the OSA.

Unaware of the code in the student handbook which forbids placing notices on the buildings around campus, Grimmet said that her initial reasoning behind the removal of the fliers was simply the campus looks better with bare walls.

"We want to make the campus look as attractive as possible," Grimmet said.

SGA credit card issue dissolves

by
Candice Leone

Though no more proposals were brought to the table at last week's SGA meeting, a decision on whether to release student contact information to the MBNA credit card company may have been agreed upon.

Senator Brad Craft, who has been vocally supportive of the release of the information, withdrew his latest proposals which would have allowed the LSUS Alumni Association to release student contact information to MBNA for marketing purposes.

Craft said the withdrawals were mostly because Strozier was opposed to the release of the information and any proposal that would allow it would not pass.

"There was no sense...we knew they were going to be vetoed anyway," Craft said. "No one cares if we don't give it out, but no one cares if we do either."

Instead, a committee was formed to draft a proposal prohibiting the Alumni Association to release the information.

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Bowling fundraiser aims to strike big

by
Jeff-David Gray

The Extra-Mile and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Caddo-Bossier hope to strike it big with LSUS students.

The community-based non-profit organization wants to get LSUS students involved in its Bowl for Kids Sake campaign April 7-10.

Bowl for Kids Sake is the main fundraising event Big Brothers, Big Sisters. The money raised at the event will go directly toward matching children with adults in the program.

Bowl organizers are hoping to get students from all departments interested and participating in the bowl.

"We are looking to build a relationship with the university," said Vickie Marshall, Extra Mile executive director.

The organization wants students to participate in the bowl, which will take place at Holiday Lanes in Bossier City.

Extra Mile is working on a plan to get students involved as "bigs" in

the mentoring program with kids — "littles" — in the participating schools.

Each bowling team will consist of an informal group of five team members.

The teams are responsible for raising a minimum of \$125 through pledge sheets.

During the allotted bowl time, teams will be able to bowl two games and will not be charged for the lane or shoes. The deadline for registering teams is March 21.

"I think it would be attractive to education and psychology majors but we really need students interested in science and technical backgrounds to help kids (in these areas)," said Pamela Viviano, adjunct instructor and division coordinator for the LSUS bowl.

Viviano said the kids will be evaluated on the three Cs: caring, confidence and competence.

The three aspects are evaluated and used in building matches between the bigs and the littles.

According to organizers, the Cs address the kids' social relationships, self-esteem and resourcefulness.

"We want to focus on changing the cycle of poverty (that these kids) are used to."

Vickie Marshall
Extra Mile executive director

Viviano says the organization is also looking to start a lunch program with LSUS students and schools located near the LSUS campus.

"Lunch Buddies is the perfect opportunity (for a mentoring program)," Viviano said.

The program will have LSUS students visiting local schools to have lunch with kids who would benefit from the students as role models.

Organizers are hoping that LSUS students can have a positive

impact on at-risk kids participating in the program.

According to Marshall one of four area children is living in poverty.

This, says Marshall, puts the kids at risk of many of the problems associated with a low economic background such as high dropout rate, teen pregnancy and drugs.

"We want to focus on changing the cycle of poverty (that these kids) are used to," Marshall said.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters is a national program that matches adults with children who could benefit from having a mentor.

The Extra Mile gained full affiliation status with the BBBS in October.

Current schools participating in the program are Kerr Elementary School in Bossier City and Broadmoor Middle Laboratory School in Shreveport.

Among the currently acting mentors are men and women serving as Barksdale airmen.

Interested students should contact Extra Mile at 424-9899 before the March 21 deadline.

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Greek work on astronomy)
- Webster's Third New International Dictionary

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From the editor

■ Try to focus on the things that really matter

This weekend while I was away at a debate tournament the other editors once again stepped up to the plate and put the paper together without me.

Jenny, the managing editor, and I have joked that she'll do all the work and I'll take all the credit (or blame). I especially want to thank Jenny and Allison for being in charge when I'm away.

I think the issues they've created have been some of the best I've worked on in my four years here. I could spend the rest of the editorial complementing our staff, but I'm going to save that for another week.

In preparing for the tournament I did a lot of research into the issues facing the United States in the foreign policy arena.

We've had a lot of debate in the paper about the situation in Iraq, and I've often wanted to comment on it.

Reasonable people can have very different opinions on this matter, as can be seen in the letters to the editor. And you can make a convincing case on either side of the issue. In fact, I tried to this weekend.

At the tournament in Monroe I made it to finals. During semifinals someone had informed me that the three remaining competitors from Louisiana were vying for the state championship. When I made it to finals our resolution was "Uncle Sam is a poor relation." Being a fan of Noam Chomsky, I was ready with an argument about American imperialism and oil barons.

However, that didn't work and I got second place. This is more than just a convenient way of slipping in a little bragging about how well I argue; it is important to realize that people look at things from different points of view and have different values.

Additionally, your opinions are largely influenced by those you associate with and what kind of sources of information you use.

After reading several reports from different news organizations as well as transcripts of speeches by Colin Powell and George Bush, it seems pretty apparent to me that war with Iraq is inevitable.

We are currently on high alert for terrorism and reserves are being called up all the time. In fact, this week the vice president of the SGA, Ben Thomas, was called up for duty.

As the watchdog of those in power, the Almagest tries to keep a critical eye on the dealings of the SGA.

Because we've seen him in action, we can say that Ben is a good guy and the students have been lucky to have him representing us.

He combines the traits of leadership with a dedication to service that I wish more had. Now he is serving his country by answering the call to military service.

We want to thank Ben and the other service men and women who are interrupting their college lives to perform their duty.

Come back safe and soon.

No matter how you feel about the Bush agenda internationally, one thing no one should disagree about is supporting our troops.

When every day students disappear from our classes because they have received orders to deploy, it makes the situation become very personal.

The people who are fighting for the United States are our friends and family.

The worst thing we could do is repeat what happened during Vietnam and shift our hatred of war to the soldiers. They need our support.

If you don't support the war that's fine and you have a right to say so, but don't place the blame on our soldiers.

As I said, the war is something I can see both sides of the issue on. And if anyone would like to debate it, just tell me which side you want me to argue and make an appointment.

But one thing I do have an opinion on is the situation in Israel. The recent developments there are very disturbing and remind us how fleeting peace is.

As hard as it is to believe, there are people on both sides of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict who don't want peace.

I believe that the Palestinian people have been oppressed by the Israelis for 50 years and that the United States has been wrong in tending to take the Israeli side in this matter.

However, because of our pro-Israeli actions there are many in the Arab world who would like to see the war brought here.

It doesn't help that we export our decadent culture to societies that make conservative Bible-belt Shreveport seem like a party at Caligula's place.

Terrorism is wrong no matter the justification, and as we have been placed on high alert the dangers have become even more evident.

At times like this it makes one realize that we have to make the most of the time we have.

Jenny and Allison have had to put up with my sulking for the last few days because my plans for Valentine's Day are to work on the Almagest until I go home alone to read myself to sleep with the Smashing Pumpkins in the background singing things like "love is suicide."

Valentine's Day is supposed to be a time when you make a special effort to remember to tell those people you love how you feel.

That's easier for some people than others. See, I can't even type it: I lo...dammit!

But when we live in an insane world where you never know what changes could happen in the blink of an eye it is important to remember what really matters: people.

Sometimes it is hard to recognize, but everyone in a person's life has an impact on who that person is.

So please take the time this Valentine's Day to tell the people you love that you love them. You're lucky to have them now and unfortunately they won't always be there to hear it.

I hope that even though I don't always say it that those I love know it. Being able to love is a gift and it reminds us that we're human and not alone.

Which brings me back to the soldiers. During Christmas break I rode the bus down to Houston to visit my family. This was right after a deployment order had been handed down and the bus was full of soldiers.

When I saw a man in uniform saying goodbye to his family, it made me very sad that he didn't know when he'd see them again.

But it also reminded me that he was going to serve his country because of those people he loves. He is going to protect them, and us.

And that made me very thankful that he is willing to sacrifice for his love of freedom, justice and the American way.

These are things we should all be willing to fight for, but most of all we should realize how indebted we are to these people.

And we should remember as we spend Valentine's Day in peace and security with the people we love that there are people we owe that security to: soldiers who can't be with the people they love.

We should remember to tell the people we love that we do while we still can.

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Clarifications

Because Jenny and Allison didn't leave any room for a blurb about debate and I already bragged in the editorial about my second place finish, I also want to mention that my teammate, Kamel Benyahia, got third place for varsity speaker at the same tournament. Good job, Kamel. We're going to bring the hurt to nationals.

We had a couple letters to the editor but because of space issues and one of them coming in after deadline we're going to hold off on printing them until next week. We hope that the authors understand. When we get enough letters for a full page people are more likely to read them anyway.

Pssst... This is my Valentine to you. Heh heh. Sorry if you didn't get the candy, flowers and new car. I'll have to have a little talk with the elves.

Career Center to focus on local professionals to enlighten students

by
Becky Mayo

March has been declared Louisiana's Career Development Month.

Throughout the month, the Career Center will be sponsoring numerous events for students to promote awareness of career development.

The center's directors have developed events that they feel will be beneficial to students in every college.

Among the events is the arrangement for experts in the Shreveport/Bossier area to come to LSUS and share their experiences of the real world.

The experts, representing the fields of business, education, liberal arts and science, will be available to talk with students about the different areas of employment for their career choices.

Each field of employment will have a day set aside for students with that particular major to ask questions.

Jennifer Carter, assistant director of the Career Center, is looking forward to having the professionals visit the campus.

"I was glad to see such a positive response from our area businesses about volunteering for Career Development Month," Carter said. "They are taking time out of their schedules to answer each and every question that any student might have."

The experts who will be visiting the LSUS campus include Leigh Ann Love, human resources man-

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Jennifer Carter,
assistant director
of Career Center

er of LSU-HSC; Martha Moore, certification counselor at the Louisiana Region VII Education Service Center; William Wilson, president of Northwest Louisiana Society for Human Resource Managers; and Pam Atchison, director of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council.

The professionals will be prepared to answer questions such as what to do with a major in a chosen field, what are employers looking for, how important are internships, what should a résumé look like, what are major trends in the field, and where are the jobs.

Carter also said that the center has concerns about low student participation.

"The most common request that we receive at the Career Center is that students want to talk to professionals," Carter said. "So we have arranged for easy access for students

to talk to them."

In addition to the professionals representing the four college areas, there will be MBA alumni to share wisdom and answer questions.

On March 20, the center will be sponsor Major Declaration Day. The event will be held in the UC Ballroom.

The theme for the day is Major Beach Party and will feature LSUS Alumni returning to impart major and career wisdom upon students.

Another event that will be taking place is a Career/Life Balance round-table discussion.

Professionals will be available to answer the question — how can I have it all?

Co-sponsoring this event is the LSUS Society of Human Resource Management.

Rhonda Neil, a senior in management, is the SOC representative of SHRM.

She knows that it is important for her organization to co-sponsor the event to show how alumni and students can help each other.

"We need to network with our peers to work through our academic career and then our professional career," Neil said. "We are co-sponsoring this event to show our support of the alumni returning for our benefit and how it can only help us by participating."

The center will be posting an updated calendar of the events taking place during Career Development Month on its Web site at www.lsus.edu/career.

The center will also be communicating with students about the events through mass mail.

Noel library ranks first in student opinion

by
Penne Jennings

According to results of the Louisiana Board of Regents Student Opinion Survey Initiative, LSUS Noel Memorial Library, for the third consecutive year, has ranked above all other four-year universities in "Library Facilities and Services."

The survey, taken by students statewide, asked students to rate their university on a scale of 1 to 5 in a number of categories for both college environment and services.

In the category of "Library Facilities and Services," LSUS ranked the highest.

This indicates that students believe the library has been successful in reaching its mission to participate actively in the educational programs of LSUS by collecting, organizing, making readily available and assisting in the use of materials by students, faculty and staff.

Raymond Toro, an education major, uses the library regularly to assist him in research for school projects and personal interests.

"I am not the least bit surprised that our library was voted the best in this state," Toro said.

Toro expanded his answer with explanations of how helpful the staff has been when he needs assistance and the exceptional working conditions in the library.

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Raymond Toro
education major

"I have never left the library without finding what I was looking for," Toro said.

The facilities and services that the Library has to offer are numerous. MAVEN is the online catalog for materials in the LSUS collections which compliments the card catalog. LOUIS provides online access to the catalogs of other Louisiana academic libraries and selected indexes.

The Louisiana Library Network is another online system that provides access to indexing and abstracting services.

The Internet is accessible at no cost with computers located throughout the library.

The reference collection includes encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs, directories, bibliographies, handbooks and year-books.

The library also offers several special collections.

There is the faculty collection, which is a non-circulating collection of materials that are authored by LSUS faculty. It provides articles, dissertations and books just to mention a few.

The archives and special collections consist of archival records and historical manuscripts. The purpose of this collection is to make available primary resource materials relating to, or originating in, North-west Louisiana.

The James Smith Noel Collection is a private collection of 250,000 volumes is on permanent loan to the university.

Michelle Elmore said the very first time she viewed the James Smith Noel Collection she could not believe her eyes.

"To think that one person collected all those books is almost unbelievable," Elmore said.

Elmore uses the library for her schoolwork but also for a place to sit, read and relax. She feels very comfortable in the library and with accessing the online services available to her.

"I do think (the Noel Memorial Library) is the best in the state, and I know it's the best for me," Elmore said.

Criminal justice club to take educational trip to Angola prison

by
Rachel Wright

In an attempt to teach some students a lesson, the Association of Criminal Justice Students will be taking a trip to Angola.

Active members of ACJS will depart April 17 to explore the historical Louisiana State Penitentiary.

According to its official web site, Angola, often referred to as "The Farm," is Louisiana's only maximum security prison, with an inmate population of 5,108.

It is located approximately 59 miles northwest of Baton Rouge on 18,000 acres of farmland.

Of its inmates, 86 percent are violent offenders and 52 percent are serving a life sentence and will never be released from prison.

Sharon Green, instructor of history and social sciences and a former federal probation officer, has been instrumental in planning the instructive expedition. The trip's goal is to provide students with a practical experience of a correctional facility and instill some historical aspects within the field of corrections. The trip will educate students about the American correctional process, including the development of current correctional programs and rehabilitation processes for violent criminals.

Criminal justice students will also be introduced to an examination of principles of organization, administration, functional interrela-

tion and employment opportunities available within the correctional system.

In addition to standardized textbook materials and lectures, the practical exploration will outline and reinforce students' academic experience, according to Green.

Angola will not be the sole feature of the expedition. Once students have exhausted their thorough investigation into the intricacies of the infamous male correctional facility, it's off to St. Gabriel.

According to Dr. Lloyd Klein, faculty adviser for ACJS, St. Gabriel is the female equivalent of Angola.

"These state prisons are two of the most famous maximum security prisons for men and women," Klein said.

Students will have the opportunity to examine contemporary issues of women as violent offenders by delving into the depths and bowels of a deviant society.

Green and Klein recognize the importance of incorporating a dynamic and interactive learning environment so that students will thrive in the world of academia.

"They will genuinely enjoy this experience," Green said.

Anyone interested in participating in the Angola experience, as it is not solely reserved to students pursuing a degree in criminal justice, will be required to attend an association meeting and pay the \$10 dues in full.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in BH 301. For further information, contact Green at 797-5379.



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History honor society to initiate new members

by
Jessica Matlock

Counteracting the negative atmosphere surfacing from the Red River District, Phi Alpha Theta is teaming up with a local restaurant to hold its annual spring banquet in downtown Shreveport.

The history honor society's banquet will be held at the Noble Savage restaurant March 9.

Mark Colby, owner and chef at the Noble Savage on 417 Texas Street, will host the event for the organization's 20 to 40 guests. Showing his strong support, Colby will allow the banquet to be held on a Sunday, the day of the week when the restaurant is generally closed. Colby said that many of his customers are LSUS alumni and he is willing to extend the Noble Savage to other organizations' events in the future.

Assistant professor of history and social sciences R. Blake Dunnivant, the new adviser for Phi Alpha Theta, considered the location for the banquet after reading in The "(Shreveport) Times" about the revamping of the downtown area and the problems within the community that have arisen with the renovations.

By holding the banquet downtown, Dunnivant thought the event would be a good opportunity to show support for downtown.

Dunnivant took over as the LSUS chapter Phi Alpha Theta adviser in the fall 2002 semester. He was a Phi Alpha Theta adviser at Idaho State University from 2000-2002.

The honor society is not limited to history majors. To become a member, an undergraduate student must have completed 12 hours in history, upheld at least a 3.1 grade point average in history, have a 3.0 GPA overall and stay within the top 35 percent of the class. Graduate student applicants must complete 12 hours toward their master's degrees, maintain GPAs of better than a 3.5 and complete 30 percent of their master's degrees' requirements.

Interested faculty members, who teach history, must be above instructor rank to automatically qualify and pay a one-time induction fee. The membership privileges are the same as the students'.

Membership is lifetime and is nationally recognized. Applications must go through the LSUS history department for review of qualification. The application is then sent to national headquarters for approval. Chosen members must be inducted through the LSUS chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

Dunnivant said that the society has 17 potential new initiates for the spring semester.

Dunnivant is looking forward to the banquet and in speaking with anyone who may be interested in a membership with the organization. For application information, Dunnivant can be reached at 797-5078, bdunnave@pilot.lsus.edu or in his office, BH 427.

Crimson and Cream Café kicks off semester with poetry

by
Marian Claville

Thursday night The Port was transformed from its usual hustle and bustle atmosphere into an easy and pleasing rhythmically sound poetic lounge.

Dimmed lights and eye-catching but subtle décor aided Delta Sigma Theta in welcoming students to its first Crimson and Cream Café of the semester.

The DJ played music glittering with easy melodies of acoustic guitars, soft piano ballads and melodic voices.

Spectators and poets moved along easily with the slow and rhythmic beat of the music. The setting was romantic, friendly and poetically intense.

The event featured a showcase that followed the same pattern as the poetic shows of the fall semester.

One returning poet to the Café's stage is Makalani Jones. His art form is called jazzotry.

He played jazzy-trumpet rhythms and recited poetry.

His poetry included pleas for black pride and love and highly erotic ballads.

Makalani's style kept the crowd in an uproar.

However, the night was open to new talent. A first-time poet to the café was True Sister. Sister's poetics screamed erotic, lusty and extremely X-rated.

Other newcomers graced the stage and gave the crowd something to think about. Local DJ and owner of the "Amps Newspaper," Daddy



Photo by Michael Scott

(left to right) Lee Lemon, junior political science major, and Darrell English, junior education major, chat while taking in the scene at Delta Sigma Theta's Crimson and Cream Café Thursday night.

Ro attended the event along with another local DJ Fatha Flo. Both are well known in the poetry community.

"We are just trying to put Pi-Pi Chapter on the map," said Nicole Howard, a senior elementary/special education major.

Andranel Watley is the adviser of Delta Sigma Theta.

The chapter was reactivated last spring.

The current 13 members are attempting to rejuvenate the chapter's reputation by bringing poetic justice to the campus.

The sharing of poetry gave students a chance to mingle and commune with one another.

"I really enjoyed myself, and I would like to come back to the next one," said TaNikki Johnson, a member of the U.S. Army Reserves that heard about the Crimson and Cream Café on radio station 103.7, the Beat.

The Delta's are planning to sponsor a spring formal, a chapter reunion, possibly a talent show and another Delta Sigma Theta retreat.

The retreat will feature inspirational speakers, beauty consultants, financial advisers and more.

"We will also do more stuff for our school community like AIDS awareness," Howard said.

There will be two more poetry nights in March and April.

SGA: action postponed on issues

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This will allow MBNA to market to students directly in person or through ads in the Almagest. Telemarketing or mailing advertisements will not be allowed.

Gloria Raines, vice chancellor for student affairs and the SGA adviser, told the senate that releasing the information to MBNA would not be illegal.

However, the question of whether it is ethical has been debated at meetings she has attended.

"The bottom line is it's legal," Raines said. "University policy has been not to do it...it has been practice."

Strozier urged the new committee, headed by Lacey Spencer, senator at large, to act promptly.

"I would like the committee to come to a resolution," Strozier said. "The Alumni Association is waiting."

Jeff Strozier, SGA president, encouraged the senate to continue communicating and debating lengthy issues through e-mail as a time-saver.

Strozier said he believes debating electronically is productive and a good avenue to explore.

In other business, the proposal to extend Thanksgiving break to an entire week was tabled pending a meeting with Stuart Mills, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

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Feminist group wants to create campus club

by
Jennifer Knafla

The largest pro-choice force on college campuses today is looking for a voice at LSUS.

With 1,100 members in 106 chartered and affiliated groups, the Feminist Majority Foundation is interested in starting a Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance on campus.

Having visited three college campuses in Arkansas before arriving in Louisiana, Aimee Boone, senior campus organizer, said the foundation is trying to work against the stereotypical view of feminists as men haters.

Boone said the overall goal of the foundation is to achieve equality for women with a focus on reproductive rights.

"Saying that 'I personally wouldn't have an abortion,' but also agreeing to the statement that you would not make that decision for another woman is the same thing as being pro-choice," Boone said.

Foundation representatives met with faculty members Dr. Lloyd Klein and Dr. Terry Harris and SGA senator at large Rebecca Huffy on Monday afternoon to discuss the overall goal of the group and how to invite interested students to join.

Based out of Washington, D.C., the foundation allows its groups to maintain autonomy in respect to the activities that it wishes to participate in.

Activities include support of Campaign for Women's Health and Mifepristone — ensuring that anti-abortion forces do not undermine or reverse FDA approval of the early abortion drug — and Campaign to Help Afghan Women and Girls.

For more information on the alliance, visit www.feministcampus.org.

College of Education students show teacher preparation programs are prime

by
Marian Claville

Recently, students in the LSUS College of Education received a 96 percent overall score on the pre-service teacher examination.

The test was given by the Educational Testing Service to determine if the teacher preparation programs distributed last spring were priming students to become viable educators of the future.

"This shows we are preparing students appropriately," said Dr. Gale Bridger, dean of the LSUS College of Education and Human Development.

Along with the grade of "A," LSUS was also awarded a University Award from the Louisiana Board of Regents for the outstanding passage rate on the examination.

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Bridger said.

The college is no stranger to being well prepared and qualified in the field on education. Since 1979, it has been a member of National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

According to its Web site, www.ncate.org, NACTE is an organization that works to make a difference in the quality of teaching and teaching preparation.

Currently, all colleges in Louisiana are required to be members of NCATE.

In addition to the outstanding passage rate of the exam and the University Award, the college was given a check in the amount of \$7,500. Bridger said the monies would be used to put on an education workshop featuring a NCATE consultant as a speaker.

The money will also be used to

have a College of Education Technology Fair. The fair will be open to all majors.

The event will feature a technology leaning center that will teach a variety of things including showing spectators how to use digital cameras and how to incorporate technology and multimedia into the classroom.

The amount of the monetary award was based on the size of the university. Private or smaller universities, like Centenary College, received a monetary award of \$5,000.

Those universities that received an award of \$7,500 include Louisiana Tech in Ruston, Northwestern State University and University of Louisiana in Monroe. Some universities received a cash award of \$10,000.

All those who received larger awards are located south of Interstate-10.

No affirmative action in LSUS admissions

by
Marian Claville

Recently, President George W. Bush announced his opposition to the University of Michigan's numerical admissions formula, essentially opposing affirmative action. UM uses a point system to determine admissions to the university.

An applicant applying to UM receives 20 points if he or she is an under-represented minority or from a dominantly minority high school. The 20 points is then added to the student's overall count out of 150 points that takes into consideration the student's grades and activities in high school.

Critics of the process call the formula a form of reverse racism and say it shows favoritism to African-Americans, Hispanics and

Native Americans.

Bush does not want the university to award points on the basis of race. The highly sensitive and national headline-grabbing issue is on its way to the Supreme Court.

Whether the ruling goes in favor of UM or the opposing party is only one of the questions knocking at the minds of colleges nationwide. The big question is how will it affect students in Louisiana?

"I don't foresee anything at this point changing (in our admissions policy)," said Julie Wilkinson, registrar and director of admissions.

Like Bossier Parish Community College, Southern University-Shreveport and Centenary College, LSUS has an open admissions policy.

An open admissions policy states that anyone with a high school

diploma from a state-approved high school or a GED is eligible for admission.

Wilkinson also said students are considered for admissions to LSUS if they scored at least an 18 on their ACT. No local colleges or universities operate on a numerical admissions formula.

In theory, LSUS and other local universities are not at risk of being caught in the crossfire of the affirmative action ruling. However, the unlikelihood of the ruling directly affecting students at LSUS has not stopped students from feeling passionately about the matter.

"Before anything is passed I think it should be looked at before being taken away," said Christina Cowart, a senior environmental science major. "In other words does it serve a purpose (about how Bush is

pushing for University of Michigan's point system to be deemed unfair)?"

"Because of the way we (minorities) have been treated in the past, we deserve 'special privileges' because we are already behind as a people already," said Terrance Neal, senator at large and a junior accounting major.

Though some students are for affirmative action on the university level, a recent poll published in the Jan. 27 issue of "Newsweek" shows that 56 percent of minorities think that colleges and universities should not give blacks preferential treatment in the admissions process.

However, in the same issue, the number of minorities reported to be attending four-year colleges has risen 85 percent since the Supreme Court ruled in favor of affirmative action in admissions policies.

Old campus library to house book store, campus-wide lab

by
Penne Jennings

The old library may not have a new name, but it does have a new purpose.

The old library, an original building on the LSUS campus grounds, is about to become something new and useful.

The building has been in the remodeling process for a little more than two years. It was previously closed due to asbestos.

The building consisted of offices and classrooms for student and faculty at one time.

Shelby Keith, director of computing services, is hoping to have his campus-wide lab facility moved to the new building sometime in May to be ready for the summer term.

Keith said the two-story building will house the campus bookstore and continuing education on the first floor.

The campus-wide lab and the computer science labs will be located on the second floor. Keith said there is a possibility that some faculty offices will be located in the building as well.

Angela K. McNicoll, director of auxiliary enterprises, is pleased that the current bookstore will be moving to the newly renovated building upon completion.

McNicoll has not been given a date to move but said that she is ready anytime. McNicoll is encouraged by the increase of space the building will be provided for the bookstore's supplies and for the students.

McNicoll said she would like to

be able to offer more supplies for the students.

Currently, the students have to purchase art supplies off campus.

The advent of more space would enable the bookstore to provide such products and would make it more convenient for students to buy the supplies. Although the building will provide a much larger area to work with, McNicoll said she is not intending to hire more staff to run the bookstore.

Although there is no definite date for the renovations to be completed, the finishing date for renovations is estimated to be in April. The students should have full access to it in the fall.

To make suggestions on what to name the building, contact Chancellor Vincent Marsala at 797-5200.

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Students educate against hate

by
Jennifer Knafla

Students got to take a different view of themselves starting Monday. The Wofman Productions' the "Human Race Machine" transformed the appearance of students either by age or race.

A creation of artist Nancy Burson, the machine drew quite a crowd during Tuesday's Common Hour.

The machine will continue to transform students' outlooks today and Friday. The machine was only one of many activities sponsored by SAB for Black History Month.

The showing of "Journey to a Hate Free Millenium" on Thursday in the UC Theatre, sponsored by SAB and the Black Student Association, included a one-on-one discussion with one of the documentary's producers, Brent Scarpo.

Questions, answers and suggestions centered on how society could begin to tackle the perplexing prob-



Photo by Matt Morris
Jeremy McKeever, junior computer science, and Shonda Maxie, senior psychology, enjoy the "Human Race Machine."

lem of hate.

The film centered on stories taken from national headlines like the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. and the

beating death of Matthew Shepard.

Addressing the subject of hate, the film sought out the origins of how it is "taught and learned" and the scope of its danger beginning with childhood taunting to murder.

Baseball schedule

- Feb. 13** - Central Baptist
University 4 p.m. LSUS
- Feb. 18** - @Texas Wesleyan
4 p.m. Forth Worth, Texas
- Feb. 19** - East Texas Baptist
University 6:30 LSUS
- Feb. 21** - @Springhill College
6 p.m. Mobile, Ala.
- Feb. 22** - @Springhill College
1 p.m. Mobile, Ala.
- Feb. 25** - Louisiana College
6:30 p.m. LSUS
- Feb. 28** - Loyola University
6:30 p.m. LSUS
- March 1** - Loyola University
1 p.m. LSUS
- March 2** - @Nicholls State
University 6:30 p.m. Thibodaux
- March 3** - @Nicholls State
University 6:30 p.m. Thibodaux

Pilots win fourth straight

by
Chris Moore

First game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Texas College	220	03	7 10 2
LSUS	056	33	17 14 2

Win - Kowatz 1-0. Loss - Garrison. Save - None.

WP - Garrison; Ferguson. PB - Perkins.
HBP - by Garrison (Gray); by Garrison (McRae); by Kowatz (Perkins); by Kowatz (Cole); by Alvarado (Cox).

Second game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Texas College	000	000	3 -3 2 0
LSUS	022	000	x-4 5 1

Win - Stevens 2-0. Loss - Giles. Save - Alexander (2).
WP - Giles; Montoya. HBP - by Giles (Frye).

For more scores and stats on the team, visit www.lsus.edu/baseball

Psychology club to sponsor new, used Teddy Bear Drive

by
Angela Gehrls

The Psychology Club will begin its Teddy Bear Drive on Feb. 17. Students are encouraged to donate any new or used teddy bear, as long as it's washed, said Dr. Rebecca Nolan, faculty adviser.

Nolan said that boxes should be placed in every building on campus, and that any stuffed animal is welcome.



"Sometimes you outgrow your stuffed animals," said Nolan. "This is a good way to retire them. And old, but clean, is fine."

After the Teddy Bear Drive ends on Feb. 28, these stuffed animals will be distributed to children in various hospitals. Nolan said the boxes for the drive will be easily identifiable.

McRae leads Pilots to series win

by
Chris Moore

Senior catcher Aaron McRae hit a dramatic game-winning walk-off grand slam to help LSUS win its first 2003 GCAC series over William Carey College. McRae batted a stellar .455 with 5 RBIs in the Jan. 7-8 three-game series and is hitting .600 for the season.

In the first game, Pilot pitcher Tony Ferguson baffled WCC batters as he gave up only two earned runs and struck out six in seven innings of work.

McRae knocked in one of LSUS' three runs, but centerfielder Ramsey Branch had the biggest RBI of the day for the Pilots when he knocked in Todd Morben to cap off a last inning come from behind 3-2 victory.

McRae went 2 for 3 in the second game, but the effort was wasted as WCC won 6-4. Pilot shortstop Tyson Arishenkoff was also 2 for 3 at the plate and had two RBIs. LSUS pitcher Gene Stevens had an uncharacteristic bad day in giving up five earned runs in the loss. He is now 2-1 on the year.

In the last game of the series, LSUS trailed 2-1 going into the last inning. Designated hitter Chase Cox was hit by a pitch.

Arishenkoff, who was 2 for 3 in the game, followed with a single, and second baseman Wesley Gray was intentionally walked to load the bases to try and set up a double play. But McRae was quick to disappoint when he launched a WCC pitch into the night for the dramatic 5-2 win.

First game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Will Carey	020	000	000 -2 7 0
LSUS	000	000	012 -3 8 0

Win - Person 1-0. Loss - Davenport. Save - None.
HBP - by Valentine (Arishenkoff).

Second game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Will Carey	030	300	0 -6 10 0
LSUS	200	101	0 -4 5 1

Win - Jordan. Loss - Stevens 2-1. Save - None.
WP - Jordan.
HBP - by Stevens (Hillman); by Stevens (Thibodeaux); by Stevens (Thibodeaux); by Jordan (Reynolds).

Third game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Will Carey	010	010	0 -2 3 0
LSUS	000	100	4 -5 9 1

Win - Welch 1-0. Loss - Christian. Save - None.
HBP - by Welch (Valentine); by Christian (Cox).

Freshman pitcher Daniel Welch picked up the win for the Pilots while giving up only two earned runs and three hits. He struck out three.



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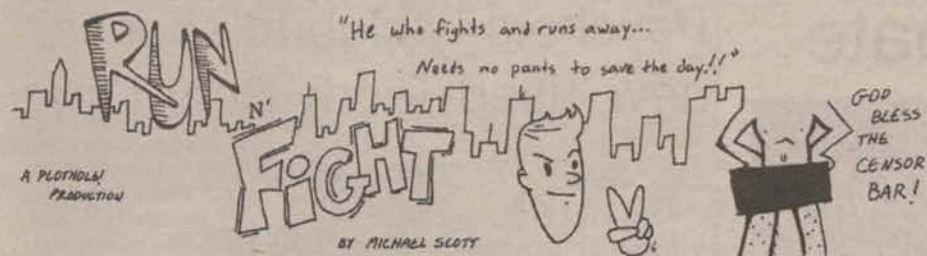
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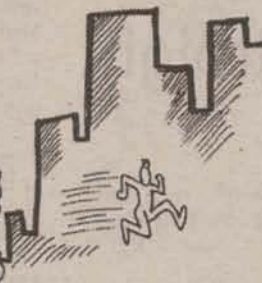


Then, while taking a bath one night, he comes to a startling realization...

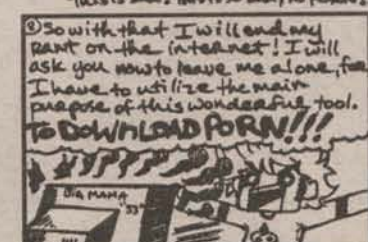
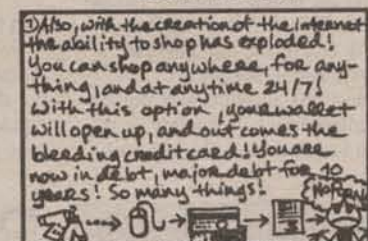
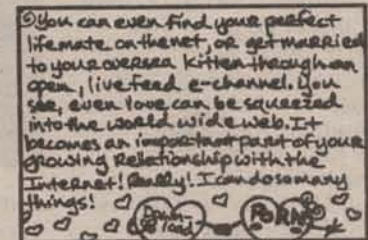
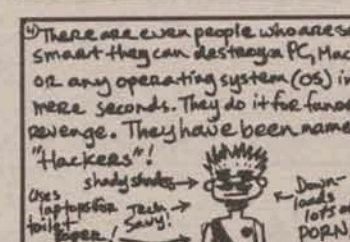
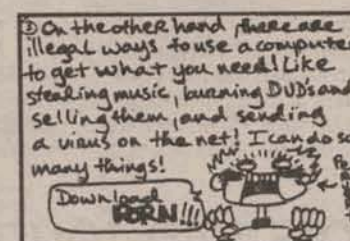
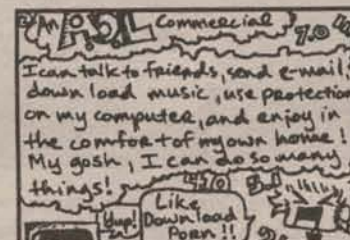


He thought, "I will use this gift wisely. I can use my naked body as a weapon against crime, and a tactic of surprise to strike fear into the cowardly hearts of evildoers!" Thus his training soon began...

"As long as I remain naked, the city shall be safe!"



END.



Calendar of events

All events are in the University Center unless otherwise indicated. If your organization would like to be featured in the calendar of events email us at almagest@pilot.lsu.edu.

Thurs. Feb. 13

10:30 a.m.
Bamboula African Dance Troupe

Symphony Lecture Series

1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Faculty Senate meeting

4 p.m.
Baseball: Central Baptist University (Home)

Fri. Feb. 14

Happy Valentine's Day

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Fraternity Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

1st Freshman Focus meeting Deadline!

Sat. Feb. 15

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
You Go Girl meeting

9 a.m.
SGA Volunteer Day @ North Louisiana Food Bank

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Parent Informational Meeting

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
International Club Formal

Sun. Feb. 16

2 p.m.
TKE meeting
Webster Room

4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
ZTA meeting
Louisiana A & B

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Phi Mu meeting

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
BGI meeting
Red River Room

Mon. Feb. 17

12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Student Success Series 2nd year
"Career Advising: College of Education"

1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Student Success Series 1st year
"Career Decision Making"

Tues. Feb. 18

10:30 a.m.
Special Speakers sponsored by BSA

7 p.m.
V-Day Rehearsal

Vagina Monologue Practice

Worship Service BCM

Baseball: @ Texas Wesleyan (Ft. Worth)

Wed. Feb. 19

12 p.m.
Lunch/Devotional BCM

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
ZTA Meeting
Pilots Room

Thurs. Feb. 20

10:30 a.m.
SGA Meeting

Phi Mu

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fraternity Recruitment

7 p.m.
V-Day Rehearsal

Vagina Monologue Practice

Fri. Feb. 21

12 p.m.
Fraternity Council Meeting
Pilots Room

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fraternity Recruitment

Baseball: @ Spring Hill College (Mobile)

Sat. Feb. 22

Baseball: @ Spring Hill College (Mobile)

Sun. Feb. 23

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
TKE meeting
Webster Room

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
BSA Quiz Bowl

4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
ZTA Meeting
Louisiana A & B

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Phi Mu Meeting

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Panhellenic meeting

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
BGI meeting
Red River Room